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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This is an Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of November 5, 2009, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire February 5, 2010, and an extended period set to expire March 5, 2010. Applicants hereby petition the Office for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Action.

Applicants request entry of this Amendment and Response because applicants have cancelled a part of an independent claim and have presented rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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